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Title: Need to provide adequate supply of power to Odisha from Central Pool.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): With accelerated growth in industrialization and rural electrification in the state of Odisha, the demand for power has registered a steep rise. The current peak demand of the state has reached 3300 MW and the average power supply is about 2700 MW. There is a deficit of about 300 MW during off-peak period and 500 MW during peak period.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, State sponsored BGJ and BSVY schemes will electrify 95 thousand villages and habitations and further 34 lakh BPL households be provided with electricity connection in the state. Unless the supply side of power will be improved the very purpose of providing electricity to all households through these ambitious schemes will be defeated.

To meet the exigency of the current deficit situation, allocation of minimum 500 MW of round the clock (RTC) power to Odisha is required from the 15% unallocated share of the Central Generating Stations, especially from NTPC Kaniha stage-II. Allotment from this reserved quota to the state would certainly enable increased availability of power there.